



# Surfside Town Gazette

August 2008

## Mayor's View



Dear Friends  
and Neighbors,

I am finding  
that this month's  
newsletter is par-  
ticularly difficult  
for me to write.

As we all know,

our national, state and municipal  
government finances, as well as our  
personal finances, are being chal-  
lenged by truckloads of difficult  
news. I not only get to experience it  
on a personal level,  
but as one of your  
elected officials, I  
get to see how it is  
effecting us as a  
Town.

While I've been  
troubled lately  
about the above and  
my colleagues and friends at the  
Commission have admonished me  
for being cautious, I always need to  
say and do, what I feel is best for all  
of us.

I'll be frank; raising real estate  
property taxes for our homeowners  
right now is unacceptable in my  
judgment, but this is very likely  
going to happen unless our residents  
speak out. At the last Commission  
meeting, **while I voted no**, a motion  
was passed to set the preliminary  
millage rate 26% higher than last  
year's rate. While I understand the  
Commission's wish to keep the  
Town's income level up, I believe it  
is just as, or more important, to

understand that taxpayers have  
reached their limit.

While the ride up was fun and  
Government spent the waves of  
increased taxes that it received, it  
must now tighten its belt and not  
forget that our Government is sim-  
ply an extension of its taxpayers and  
their financial status – for better or  
worse. We've all started cutting  
back in our own lives, and now gov-  
ernment must do the same. For our  
Government to not do so, would be

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fiscally irresponsible  
and financially un-  
sustainable by our  
taxpayers. Inciden-  
tally, as I write this,  
many are up in arms  
about our County's  
elected officials who

are also moving to  
increase our tax burden here in  
Surfside. Remember to let them

and our County Commission repre-  
sentative know how you feel about  
it. It's really getting out of hand.

In other news, Surfsiders will have  
the opportunity to vote in  
November on some pivotal issues  
and to make their wishes known:

- 1) **The Community Center bond  
issue:** Voters will be asked to  
decide whether they want to  
borrow \$16.5M to construct a  
new Community Center  
Complex. Allowing the voters  
to voice their wishes and decide  
on this subject was a long time  
promise of mine and I'm pleased  
that our residents will finally  
weigh in on this issue and have  
the final say.
- 2) **Changing the way we elect  
Commissioners:** The elected  
officials prior to our arrival had

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## Mayor's View

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put in place a system of electing Commissioners that required candidates to run in seats, which by most accounts favored the incumbents by making it more difficult for challengers to get elected. It also encouraged very negative campaigning and most significantly, sometimes pitted two good candidates against each other. The system I voted to put on the ballot for your consideration allows all challengers to run, and rewards each of the four highest vote getters with a commission seat. This seems to eliminate several of the problems with the current election system because: 1) it encourages candidates to run on their positive traits and doesn't pit one against another; 2) it decreases the chances of negative and attack campaigning, leaving room for discussion and debate on the positive merits of a candidacy; 3) it eliminates the situation of having two desired candidates run against each other for the same seat, thereby forcing voters to choose only one of these popular candidates; 4) and most significantly for me, it makes challenging incumbents less personal and creates a better opportunity for newcomers to actually win.

- 3) **The switch to the Miami Beach Fire Department:** This is a big one in my opinion and there are powerful forces fighting to insure it does not happen. Remember Surfside Election Day when many (100 by some counts) Dade County Firemen and others held up signs for my opponent? Did you know that our Dade County elected officials

including Surfside's representative passed an ordinance designed to prevent any municipality from choosing a different fire department in response to Surfside's effort to go with Miami Beach? Yes, they are working hard to stop us. In spite of that, presentations have been made, and comparative level of service studies have, and are, being done. Moreover, hours of discussions have been had and one thing is clear, the Miami Beach and Miami-Dade Fire Departments are both very capable outfits. Each responds in a timely manner, have very professional staff, and can adequately do the job. One thing however is very different and that is cost. Simply, Miami Beach has offered to provide the service for approximately \$2,000,000 less! Indian Creek will also reduce their cost for each visit by Miami Dade County Fire Department by tens of thousands of dollars. Saving tens of thousands for each visit; it's astounding! By the way, Indian Creek has already had their ballot question and voted unanimously to move forward with the switch. I hope that Surfsiders will consider doing the same because this would present exciting opportunities for either a huge property tax decrease for

homeowners, or for the full funding of our capital projects wish list without requiring an additional dime from taxpayers, or some combination of both! Any way you slice it, economically it is a homerun for Surfside and the opponents of it will stop at nothing to kill it, by using threats of lawsuits, scare tactics, political pressure and more. I believe, however, that this fire department service switch is really worth fighting for. Finally, the last question to think about on this subject is why would our County not reward three of its municipalities, namely Miami Beach, Surfside and Indian Creek, for finding a way to provide great fire rescue service at a drastically reduced cost to all its taxpayers? **Hint:** Dade County's Fire Union provides the ultimate in political support for their candidates. Just look back to our last election; they surely made a grand effort in that one!

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter this month. I know it was long! As usual, please share your thoughts with me.

All the best,  
Charlie

## Debris Management Plan

To prepare Surfside for this year's hurricane season, the Town has contracted with Calvin, Giordano and Associates, Inc. to develop a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) compliant Debris Management Plan. A Request for Proposal

(RFP) for a Disaster Recovery Services Contract was recently issued. Eight bids were received and have been reviewed. A recommendation will be made to the Commission at the meeting scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2008.

## Public Works News:

- Despite the inclement weather which interrupted the striping of the Abbott Avenue parking lot between 95th & 96th streets, the lot is now open again for business and the striping is complete.
- Although at the time of this publication the work was not yet complete, the cleaning of the business district sidewalks (the 9400 and 9500 blocks) commenced in mid-July.
- Most of the condominium signage, designed for emergency purposes, to be visible during the day and night, has now been installed at the back end of the properties. A few of the signs arrived damaged and are to be re-issued.



# Surfside Commission Highlights



**The following Ordinances were adopted at the July 8, 2008 meeting:**

1. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending the Town Charter to add Section 8, "Presiding Officers"; to eliminate requirement for commissioners to run from groups and require only mayor to run from a group; and to amend Section 105 (5), "General and Special Election of Commission Members"; making provisions in the event of a tie for the fifth commission seat; providing requisite ballot language for submission to electors; providing for copies of this Charter amendment to be available for public inspection; providing for the Town Clerk to utilize the services of Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Charter; providing for adoption of enabling Resolution; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

2. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida creating Section 74-45 to be included in the Town of Surfside Code of Ordinances entitled "Use of Public Parking for Profit Prohibited"; reserving Section 74-46 to be entitled "Valet Parking"; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: 3-1**

3. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending the Town's adopted comprehensive plan to adopt and implement school concurrency by adding a public school facilities element; providing for an amendment to the capital improvement element; providing for an amendment to the inter-governmental coordination element; providing for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs and all other units of local government or governmental agencies required by law; providing for severability; providing for

repeal of conflicts; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**The following Ordinances were adopted on First Reading. Second Reading will be held on the date indicated:**

4. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, authorizing the issuance, subject to the Bond Referendum herein provided for, of general obligation indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,500,000 for the Town of Surfside, Florida, for providing funds to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction and improvement of various capital improvement projects, payable from the full faith, credit and ad valorem taxing power of the Town; providing for and calling a Bond Referendum of the qualified electors of the Town to be held on November 4, 2008; providing for official ballots; providing for Bond Referendum procedures; and providing for an effective date. (*Second Reading date: August 11, 2008*) **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

5. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances to allow all administrative fees contained in the Code, including but not limited to, Section 34-72, Stormwater Utility Fees; Section 66-35, Solid Waste Fees; Section 66-36 Recycling; Section 78-57, Sewer Service Charges; Section 78-84, Development Fees; Section 74-41, Parking Meters; and Section 74-59, Off-street Parking Facilities Fees, to set by Resolution approved by the Town Commission and imposed by the Town Manager; providing for severability; providing for an effective date. (*Second Reading date: August 11, 2008*) **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**The following Resolutions were approved at the July 8, 2008 Meeting:**

6. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2007/2008 police confiscation fund expenditure in the amount of eight hundred dollars (\$800) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

7. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2007/2008 Police Confiscation Fund expenditure in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5000) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

8. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2007/2008 Police Confiscation Fund expenditure in the amount of one thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$1450) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

9. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, awarding bid to Rollingshield in an amount not to exceed \$86,992; re-appropriating fund balance (reserves) from the Capital Projects Fund; amending the Town's budget for fiscal year 2007-2008; authorizing the Town Manager and the Town Clerk to execute the required contract; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: 3-1**

10. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Miami-Dade County, Florida, providing a proposed tax millage for all properties, real and personal, in the Town of Surfside, Florida, and for the purpose of setting public hearing dates for approval and adoption of the Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009. **VOTE: 3-1**

## In other matters...

Officer Diana Herman was recognized as Officer of the Month.





## SURFSIDE BOOK CLUB



The Surfside Book Club is set to meet on Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. The book selection is ***“Tipping Point” by Malcolm Gladwell.*** Join other Surfside readers for fun and lively discussion. Please be sure to confirm date, time, and place by contacting Kim at: [kimjo614@the-beach.net](mailto:kimjo614@the-beach.net)

# TOWN OF SURFSIDE 2007 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The ***Town of Surfside*** is committed to provide its customers with high quality drinking water.

The drinking water in the Town of Surfside is purchased directly from Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD).

We are pleased to report that our drinking water supplied by WASD is has met all federal, state and local standards for drinking water for the calendar year 2007. This information was obtained from the 2007 Water Quality Report for Miami-Dade WASD.

The Town of Surfside routinely monitors for lead, copper and coliform bacteria in your drinking water, in accordance with EPA Federal Regulations.

The data presented in the table below shows the results for the most recent monitoring period, in accordance with the regulations.



Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Highest Monthly Percentage /Number	MCLG	MCL		Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	01/2007 – 12/2007	N	1	0	*Presence of coliform bacteria in more than 1 sample collected during a month		Naturally present in the environment
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	09/2006	N	0.12	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	09/2006	N	5.5	2	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

\*For a system which collects fewer than 40 samples per month

AL = Action Level  
MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level  
MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. WASD is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

You may contact the Town of Surfside Water & Sewer Department at 305-861-4863 or visit our web site at [WWW.TOWNOFSURFSIDEFL.GOV](http://WWW.TOWNOFSURFSIDEFL.GOV).

Additional information is available from Miami-Dade County:

Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or visit their web site at [WWW.MIAMIDADE.GOV](http://WWW.MIAMIDADE.GOV) click the link “Find a Department,” and click on “Water and Sewer Department”.

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS: Plan now, be safe!

The hurricane season officially began on June 1st and will last until November 30th. The Town of Surfside encourages everyone to create a safety plan so that you will be ready in the event of a storm. The barrier island of Surfside lies within Evacuation Zone A, which means that if forecasters predict that a major hurricane is headed for our coastline, this area would be evacuated first. Having a plan of action is critical to your safety. Now is the time to decide where you will go to ride out the storm, given the possibility of an evacuation order. Keep in mind that there will not be any emergency services available during the height of a major storm, as rescue personnel will also have evacuated to the mainland, until landfall.

To assist residents in their preparations, a number of links are available



on the Town Website ([www.townofsufsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsufsidefl.gov) and then scroll down to Surfside News & Events and click on Hurricane Preparedness) to obtain important information on the following emergency planning and local services:

Supply Checklists, Emergency Evacuation Bus Pick-up Sites, Evacuation Routes, Hurricane

Evacuation Centers, including ones that will take pre-registered pets (application is on line), Special Needs Planning, Contact Phone Numbers, Fuel Stations with Generators and a Map, Fuel Stations-Transfer Switch Facilities, Publix Supermarkets with Generators and a Map, Sedano's with Generators and a Map, Traffic Signals with Generators, and Miami-Dade County intersections with Generators.

## Library Services Alternative

During the formation of the new Community Center Complex, the idea of merging the Surfside Library with the Miami-Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) was considered. In late spring, the Town Manager and the Director of the Surfside Library met with representatives from MDPLS to determine interest and assess the feasi-

bility of merging. Budget issues, staffing impacts, start-up and operational costs, and the advantages and disadvantages of an MDPLS association were examined. Ultimately, the Commission decided at the meeting on June 10, 2008 that it was not in the best economic interests of Surfside taxpayers to proceed with a merger.

## SURFSIDE LIBRARY

**Storytime:** Will be held on Tues., August 12, from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. The library is closed Tuesday mornings, so please knock on the door for admittance. Storytime is open to children age 4 and under.

*For your reading pleasure...*

### ADULT BOOKS:

#### Fiction:

- Shadow of Power *by Steve Martini*

#### Non Fiction:

- How to Prepare for the Comprehensive Postal Exam *by Jerry Bobrow*
- The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century *by Steve Coll*
- The South Beach Diet Supercharged *by Arthur Agatston*
- 33154: The Story of Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Indian Creek Village & Surfside *by Seth H. Bramson* (local Florida author)

### CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

- My Dog May Be A Genius *by Jack Prelutsky* (funny poetry)

#### DVD's

Goya's Ghost • Choking Man (foreign film) • The Kite Runner • I Am Legend  
If you are vacationing, books on tape and CD's are available for your enjoyment.

### REFERENCE:

The 2nd Edition (2008) of the Encyclopedia Judaica, originally published in the 1970's, has recently been added to the Surfside Library's Reference Section.



## THREE ADDITIONS TO THE SURFSIDE BUSINESS DISTRICT

Veronica Rump always has had a love for puppy dogs, a love that has led her to open **Les Chic Puppies** at **9561 Harding Avenue**. The store features beautiful teacup and toy puppies of all breeds, and large breeds can be obtained by special order. All of the puppies are of full pedigree, are microchipped, fully vaccinated, and guaranteed for a year. Les Chic Puppies carries a full range of accessories to meet all of your puppy's needs. Veronica invites everyone to come by and find their new family member. The store is open 7 days a week and the phone number is (305) 993-5062.



**Souka Levana** is a new Kosher take-out and delivery restaurant in Surfside. They are conveniently located at **233 95th Street**, directly across from the post office. The owner of Souka Levana comes from a long line of French restaurants operated under La Belle Epoque. The food is as great, as the excellent service you receive, as soon as you walk in the door. They offer a wide variety of fresh, cooked to order, Mediterranean foods, including fantastic falafel and spicy meatballs with a marinara sauce. They offer a Sabbath delivery service and will prepare anything you and your family members love to eat, with a few days notice. For Orders Call: 305-867-0072.

**Rainbow Travel** has opened a new, state of the art travel office located at **9427 Harding Ave.** Raquel Afriat, owner of the agency, has extensive experience in the travel industry. At present she owns two successful agencies in the French Caribbean Island of Martinique. When Raquel was looking to expand her wings, she fell in love with Surfside and its business district. If you are planning to travel by air, ship or land call the experts at 305-867-1580 and you will be greeted by Rosa, Edy or Mike. They have many years of experience in the industry. Rachel says "that with just one call we will set you up for the trip of your dreams."



## Surfside Business Association holds first networking event!

On Monday, June 30th, the members of the Surfside Business Association (SBA) met with town leaders and the Tourist Bureau to brainstorm about how to achieve their common goal of making **"Surfside a destination"**. The following ideas were suggested and the details of each are still to be considered:

- Light up the two block strip of the business district.
- Have events and special nights that showcase products or merchandise outside of the business establishments.
- The third Thursday was the favored day of the week/month to start a 6 month program "If it is Thursday, it must be Surfside" or some other designated title - produced by the Surfside Tourist Bureau - co-sponsored by the SBA and Merchants, showcasing street music or art.
- Establish a weekly farmers' market
- Have lit signage to slow down traffic at the entrance of 96 Street & Harding and to announce upcoming events.
- Place a directory on Harding Avenue showcasing all businesses.
- Place an info-commercial on the net.-provide group cost.

During the networking event the business representatives

learned about the product and services offered by their fellow merchants. They agreed that this new knowledge would make it easier for each one to start referring business to each other and ultimately help each merchant flourish in the downtown district. The evening generated a great deal of enthusiasm and the group not only committed to continuing with the networking event on a monthly basis, but also committed to making these evenings a priority.

Special thanks go to Sabah and Patrice Gouty, owners of La Rotisserie, for generously hosting the first networking event. Their cooperation, leadership and sense of community made the evening possible. A thank you is extended to all the merchants who participated and made this first event an overwhelming success.

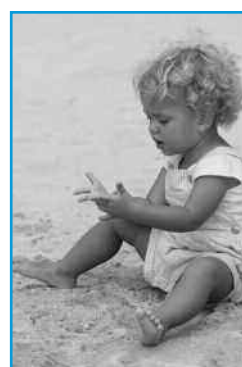
*If you would like to receive business news as it is "breaking" please email: [eli.tourgeman@us.hsbc.com](mailto:eli.tourgeman@us.hsbc.com)*

*Imagine....elected officials...  
business enterprises...  
all in this together....to make  
"Surfside a destination"*



# 4th of July

## Surfside Celebrates!



# BOND REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008

**Surfside voters to determine whether a General Obligation Bond will be issued, in an amount not to exceed \$16,500,000, to fund a Community Center Complex.**

The Town of Surfside has been evaluating options to fund the construction of a new community center complex. At a meeting held on Tuesday, July 1, a summary of the most viable financing options available to the Town, was presented to residents by representatives of the firm Public Financial Management, Inc.

The advantages and disadvantages of the following funding mechanisms were examined: (1) the Florida Municipal

Loan Council Pool; (2) a Bank Loan; (3) Revenue Bonds; and (4) General Obligation Bonds. There were many factors to consider in order to achieve the optimum selection, which included, but was not limited to, disclosure requirements, issuance costs, administrative costs, length of maturity, financing terms, security pledges, interest rates, the ad valorem revenue impacts, and whether there are limits or not on the tax rates that can be levied for debt

service. It was also determined which of the options required voter approval and which did not.

The Town Commission did not make a final decision regarding the method of financing. Instead, they decided that a Referendum must be held in order to give Surfside voters the opportunity to choose how best to fund the planned project.



*Surfside Head Lifeguard, Justin Lorenz*

## PUBLIC BEACH QUALITY MONITORING



The Miami-Dade County Health Department monitors the water quality at public beaches every week. The coastal beach water samples collected by the County Health Department are analyzed for enterococci and fecal coliform bacteria. High concentrations of these bacteria may indicate the presence of microorganisms that could cause disease, infections, or rashes. The County Health Department will issue either warnings or advisories when these conditions are confirmed. If the tests indicate unacceptable bacteria levels, advisories are issued. To view advisories involving public beaches and coastal waters, please visit the Florida Healthy Beaches website: <http://www.dadehealth.org/enviro/> or call the County's toll free Aquatic Toxins Hotline (1-888-232-8635).

There are 15 sample locations for Miami-Dade County, including one at Surfside Beach. Each week, the County Health Department monitors the beach water quality at 93rd and Collins Avenue. The results are in 3 categories: GOOD, MODERATE or POOR.

The Health Department will contact Aquatic Supervisor, Jackie Villagran or the Parks and Recreation office if it is necessary to issue an advisory for Surfside. Ms. Villagran then alerts the Parks and Recreation Department's Director, lifeguards and general staff, as well as Town Hall and Police Department employees. Advisory Notices are posted on the Website, in Town Hall, and in the Parks & Recreation modulares. If an advisory is issued, the Surfside Lifeguard Station will fly a red flag as an alert, to caution beach users against swimming.

**Please note that there is a permanent sign at the 93rd Street Beach access point that indicates whether an Advisory is in effect, or if there is NO ADVISORY.**



# Parks & Recreation Department

All Parks and Recreation **FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS** will begin the week of September 8, 2008.  
**Registration is in progress!**

Please call 305-866-3635 to obtain the dates, times and fees for each program.

Soccer • Gymnastics • Hip Hop Jazz Dance • Acrobatics & Tumbling • Surfing • Chess  
 Ballet • Pre-School Ballet • Arts & Crafts • Kidokinetics Tots • Kidokinetics

## FALL ADULT CLASSES

**All classes will be held in the modulars located behind Town Hall.**

Zumba	Aug. 18 - Oct. 13 (no class Sept. 1)	Monday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	\$40 res/\$80 non-res
Pilates	Aug. 5 - Sept. 29	Tuesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	\$40 res/\$80 non-res
Yoga	Aug. 13 - Oct. 1	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	\$40 res/\$80 non-res
Yogalates	Aug. 7 - Sept. 25	Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	\$40 res/\$80 non-res



If you are unable to attend classes that are scheduled for Rosh Hashanah, please advise the Parks & Recreation Department staff when you register and they will pro-rate the fee.

## THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER 10200 Biscayne Blvd.



Hours of Operation:

Call (305) 795-2241, or check [www.miamishoresvillage.com](http://www.miamishoresvillage.com).

Bus Service Schedule Available: [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)

Surfsiders must present a valid, updated resident ID card.

The Aquatic Center will be CLOSED on Aug. 18.

## Surfside Tennis Center

The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below:



Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 10:00 pm

Friday - Sunday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

**"Meet, Greet, and Play Tennis"**

Monday Adult 8:00 am - 10:30 pm

Thursday Adult 8:00 am - 10:30 pm

Fee: \$9 per person for residents / \$10 non-resident per person

**"Sign Up Doubles"**

Wednesday Adult / Juniors 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Reservations Required

Fee: \$6 per person for residents / \$8 non-residents per person

**"Match making services. Let us make a tennis match for you"**

For more information contact the Tennis Center at (305) 866-5176.



## Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins and the New York Mets Sat., Aug. 30th



Tickets are on sale now at the  
Parks & Recreation Department  
and must be purchased by  
Friday, August 15th.  
(only 45 tickets are available)

All kids under 18 years old must  
be accompanied by an adult.

Bus

Departs Town Hall 5:30 pm sharp.

Returns to Town Hall  
approximately 11:00 pm.

Game starts at 7:10 pm.

Non-refundable tickets are \$20.00  
and include transportation.

(Bullpen Box: Sec. 102, Rows 5-8)

For more details call  
305-866-3635.



## MIAMI-DADE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The new session begins September 8th and will be held in the Surfside Parks & Recreation Modulares. Please call Miami-Dade County Public Schools for fees at 305-531-0451. For scheduling information please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 305-866-3635.



## SENIOR PERFORMING ARTS TRIPS

Trips will resume in September. Please check with the Parks & Recreation Department for dates and times.



## SURFSIDE BEACH CLUB



(August)

Sunday - Saturday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Residents & Non-Residents Please Note: Rental fees apply for umbrellas & chairs



## Surfside Police Officer of the Month: Diana Herman

Officer Diana Herman was flagged down by a victim of a theft at 71 Street and Abbott Avenue. Officer Herman immediately broadcasted a "Be On The Lookout" (BOLO) to the Surfside and Miami Beach Police Departments. She observed three subjects matching the description a few blocks away. The subjects fled upon seeing Officer Herman. Officer Herman requested backup from Miami Beach Police Officers. Officer Herman was able to take all three subjects into custody, recover the stolen property, and turn over the arrestees to the Miami Beach Police Department.



Front Row: Assistant Police Chief, **John Di Censo**, **Diana's** Grandmother, **Flora Piloto**, Officer **Diana Herman**, Police Chief, **Dave Allen**. Back Row: Uncle, **Emilio Piloto**, her friend **Jeremy Smith**, and **Diana's** Mother and Father, **Dolores** and **Jeff Herman**.



Officer Antonio "Tony" Mesa

## Surfside Police Officer, Antonio "Tony" Mesa brings home gold, silver & bronze!

Officer Antonio "Tony" Mesa participated in the 2008 Law Enforcement & Fire Games held from June 16 through June 18 in Sarasota, Florida. Tony participated in a variety of competitions including mountain biking, chess and swimming. Tony earned a bronze medal in



chess. In swimming, he received the gold medal in the 100 yard breast stroke event, the silver medal in the 50 yard breast stroke, and a silver medal in the mixed department relay. Tony's total medal count in the Police & Fire Olympics: 1-gold, 2-silver, 1-bronze. Congratulations!

# Registration in progress for Surfside Citizens Police Academy

A new Citizens Police Academy 10 week course begins on September 11, 2008. Classes are held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at Town Hall, in the Police Training Room. Participants will gain a greater understanding of police duties, their training, and the skill level they require, given the life and death decisions they

can be faced with.

Lively discussions, debate and laughter are guaranteed as the class examines a multitude of current law enforcement issues. Those who enroll will also have the opportunity for hands on experience at the police driving range and firearms range.



For more details, please contact Surfside Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist, Wanda Flores at (305) 861-4862. Registration forms are available online at [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov). On the left side of the Home page, look under Quick Links. Scroll down and click on the Surfside Police Department.

Class size is limited. Don't be disappointed. **Registration closes Friday, August 29, 2008.**

## Police Personnel & Town Hall Staff "play ball" & raise funds for the Surfside Citizens Police Academy.



## January-June 2007-2008 Total Part One Crime Stats

CLASSIFICATION	JAN JUN07	JAN JUN08	+/-
HOMICIDE	0	0	0
INVOLUNTARY SEXUAL BATTERY	1	0	-1
LEWD / LASCIVIOUS	3	0	-3
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - BATTERY	10	2	-8
BURGLARY	14	21	7
LARCENY	57	41	-16
ROBBERY	3	1	-2
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	6	6	0
TOTAL PART ONE CRIMES	94	71	-23
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	4642	4466	-176
ARRESTS	380	350	-30
PARKING CITATIONS	2189	3143	954

## SURFSIDE POLICE CRIME STATISTICS Monthly Activity by Classification

Classification	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Involuntary Sexual Battery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewd / lascivious	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault - Battery	1	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary Structure	1	2	2	5	2	1
Burglary Conveyance	2	2	2	1	1	0
Grand Theft	2	2	0	2	4	2
Fraud	0	3	3	3	3	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	3	0	0	1	2
<b>Total Part One Crimes</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>
Battery Simple	6	2	3	2	1	1
Domestic Violence	5	5	0	0	1	0
Theft Under	10	7	3	4	4	1
Criminal Mischief	0	2	2	3	1	2
Driving Under Influence	3	3	5	6	6	4
<b>Total Part II Crimes</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>
Traffic Citations	709	566	1066	863	707	555
Arrests	67	68	87	56	44	28
Parking Citations	534	658	531	413	589	418



## August 2008 Calendar

### Regular Commission Meeting in August is re-scheduled for MONDAY, AUGUST 11 AT 7:00 PM

Education Committee.....First Tuesday of the Month at 8:00 pm (08/05/08)  
Green Committee.....First Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm (08/06/08)  
Parks & Recreation Committee.....Third Thursday of the Month, at 7:00 pm (08/21/08)  
Planning & Zoning Board .....Last Thursday of the Month, at 7:00 pm (08/28/08)  
Tourist Bureau.....First Monday of the Month, at 6:00 pm (08/04/08)

#### UPCOMING:

Labour Day is Monday, September 1st

Town Hall, the Surfside Library, and Tennis Center will be CLOSED.  
Regularly scheduled Recreation Department classes are CANCELLED.  
Beach Club will be OPEN from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

The September TOURIST BUREAU meeting has been re-scheduled for  
Tuesday, September 2 at 6:00 pm, in the modular unit behind Town Hall

#### BUDGET HEARINGS:

Location: Commission Chambers

1st Public Budget Hearing.....Tuesday, September 9 at 5:01 pm  
Final Public Budget Hearing.....Tuesday, September 16 at 5:01 pm

Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change.  
To verify the information, contact Town Hall at (305) 861-4863 or visit the Website [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)



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Community Center	(305) 866-3635
Tennis Courts	(305) 866-5176
Tourist Bureau	(305) 864-0722
Library	(305) 865-2409
Surfside Police Department	(305) 861-4862

#### Emergency Only

Fire/Police	(305) 861-1115
All Other:	(305) 861-4862

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